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E-Legislative Update

March 21 - 27, 2011



We are in the eleventh week of the legislative session. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

You may also access our [policy briefing papers](#) which examine issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Special Highlights: On March 17th, the [state revenue forecast](#) came out having an impact on the development of the 2011-2013 biennial operating budget. The 2011-2013 budget will be about \$700 million less than what was forecasted in November. For this year, it's \$80 million less. According to the Governor's Office, the shortfall for the next biennium is now \$5.1 billion. Senator Ed Murray says there will be another supplemental budget to deal with the rest of the shortfall for this biennium. Representative Ross Hunter has indicated a biennial budget proposal from the House of Representatives is expected soon. Governor Chris Gregoire responded to the revenue forecast in a [statement](#) urging legislators to move forward with long-term budget solutions that are sustainable in the future.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Higher Education

3/21/11 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5749](#) - Regarding the Washington advanced college tuition payment (GET) program.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

3/21/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [E2SHB 1546](#) - Authorizing creation of innovation schools and innovation zones in school districts.
2. [E2SHB 1599](#) - Establishing the pay for actual student success dropout prevention program.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

3/23/11 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [2SHB 1510](#) - Regarding an assessment of students in state-funded full-day kindergarten classrooms.
2. [E2SHB 1808](#) - Creating the launch year program.

Higher Education

3/24/11 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1907](#) - Establishing the GET ready for college program.
2. [HB 1908](#) - Creating a peer mentoring program to encourage elementary school students to attend college.

Budget

Capital Budget

3/23/11 6:00 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1497](#) - Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget. The hearing will be on the proposed substitute bill by Representative Dunshee.

Capital Budget

3/24/11 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Executive Session: [HB 1497](#) - Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.

Immigration

Human Services & Corrections

3/22/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESHB 1547](#)- Concerning the deportation of criminal alien offenders.
2. [SHB 1874](#) - Addressing police investigations of commercial sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking.

Information is current as of: March 17, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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